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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

STEPHEN ESCONDON MEDINA, Plaintiff,)

V.)

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER PR. HUESO, et al., Defendants.)

CASE NO.: 08-CV-0896 JLS RBB

DECLARATION OF PLAINTIFF
STEPHEN ESCONDON MEDINA IN
SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION
TO OPPOSE DISMISSAL OF THE
COMPLAINT

Hearing:
Time:

September 15, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Courtroom:

В

Judge: The Honorable Ruben

B. Brooks

I, Stephen Escondon Medina, declare:

- 1. I am the Plaintiff in the above-captioned action, and I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein. If I were called to testify in a court of law, I would and could competently testify in support thereof.
- 2. I am currently incarcerated at Calipatria State Prison. On 7/18/07, I was transported by van to Alvarado Medical Center. During the transportation, I sustained physical injury as a result of the actions of the named defendants in the above-entitled action. At the time of the injury, I was not familiar with the inmate appeal process and the handling of inmate appeals, also known as form 602s.
- 3. On 7/24/07, I filed a 602 grievance regarding the injury that had occurred. However, I did not include the names of the defendants in the 602 because I was uncertain of the true identities of each defendant.
- 4. I did not receive a log number or any type of notice that my 602 had been received by reviewing staff following the submission. I had forwarded it to "Calipatria Transportation Officers."

- 5. On 8/10/07, after not receiving any notification from Calipatria Transportation Officers, I filed a duplicate 602 with the "Calipatria Appeals Coordinator." Following the submission, I did not receive a log number or any type of notice that my 602 had been received by reviewing staff. On 8/28/07, I submitted a GA-22 "Inmate Request For Interview" form to the Appeals Coordinator inquiring about the status of the 602 I had filed (A handwritten copy of this GA-22 I filed is attached as Exhibit A to this declaration). I did not receive a response. On 9/10/07, I submitted another GA-22 inquiring about the status of my 602. No response was provided to me. (A handwritten copy of this GA-22 I filed is attached as Exhibit B).
- 6. On 9/22/07, after not receiving a response to my initial 602, I submitted another 602 requesting the names of the defendants. At that time, I believed that because I did not include the names of the defendants in the 602s I previously filed, my 602s were not getting processed. Thus, I filed this 602 to retrieve the names of the defendants. This 602 was returned to me because it "was a request for information." This 602 is attached as Exhibit C.
- 7. On 9/27/07, I sent a GA-22 to "Transportation Sgt. Precido" and requested if he could provide me with the names of the defendants (A handwritten copy of this GA-22 I filed is attached as Exhibit D). However, no response was provided to me.
- 8. On 10/10/07, I spoke with Correctional Counselor (CCI) Atkins about the problems I was having with the 602s I was filing. CCI Atkins stated he would look into obtaining the names of the defendants. CCI Atkins informed me that he held previously assignments in CDCR Transportation, and stated he could likely obtain the names of the defendants with relative ease. However, CCI Atkins told me to "get back with me in two weeks because I'm going to be busy handling caseload." On 10/27/07, I spoke with CCI Atkins and asked about the defendants names. CCI Atkins at that time made a few calls and was able to obtain the names of the defendants to me. I have since identified the defendants with the names CCI Atkins provided to me.

- 9. On 11/12/07, I submitted a duplicate 602 to the Appeals Coordinator; however, this time I included the names of the defendants in the 602. However, on 12/6/07, I received the 602 back. Apparently, on 11/30/07, the 602 was screened-out because "too great a time lapse between when the action or decision occurred and when you filed your appeal." That same day, on 12/6/07, I submitted an explanation describing the events that led up to me filing "late." (A copy of the 602 I filed, dated 11/12/07, is attached as Exhibit E).
- 10. After not receiving a response to my explanation letter, I submitted my 602 to the Director of Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. On 2/5/08, the Director entered a decision on my 602, namely, refusing to accept it for review because the appeal was either "rejected, withdrawn, or canceled." (A copy of the decision, dated 2/5/08, is attached as Exhibit F).
- 11. It is my belief that I have done everything possible to process my 602s. I filed my 602 directly to the Director's Level because I sincerely believed my 602 was being hindered by Calipatria prison officials. Although I have nothing concrete to corroborate this claim, I respectfully submit the exhibits attached to this declaration to establish a pattern that I was routinely not provided a response to several documents I submitted to prison officials at Calipatria State Prison. I proceeded with filing this complaint in the above-captioned case because I believed I had tried my best to exhaust my 602.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and State of California that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this 25 day of August, 2008, at Calipatria State Prison, California.

STEPHEN ESCONDON MEDINA

Plaintiff/Declarant

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EXHIBIT "C"

INMATE/PAROLEE APPEAL FORM CDC 602 (12/87)

Location: Institution/Parole Region Log No. Category

1. ______ 1. ______ 2. ______ 2. _________

You may appeal any policy, action or decision which has a significant adverse affect upon you. With the exception of Serious CDC 115s, classification committee actions, and classification and staff representative decisions, you must first informally seek relief through discussion with the appropriate staff member, who will sign your form and state what action was taken. If you are not then satisfied, you may send your appeal with all the supporting documents and not more than one additional page of comments to the Appeals Coordinator within 15 days of the action taken. No reprisals will be taken for using the appeals procedure responsibly.

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State of California CDC FORM 695 Screening For:

CDC 602 Inmate/Parolee Appeals

CDC 1824 Reasonable Modification or Accommodation Request

RE: Screening at the FIRST Level

September 26, 2007

MEDINA, **E63667**— FC0500000000123U

Log Number: CAL-C-

(Note: Log numbers are not assigned to screen out appeals, or informal level appeals)

The enclosed documents are being returned to you for the following reasons:

This is a request for information; it is not an appeal. Use form GA-22, Inmate Request for Interview.

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Transportation Sgt. Preciado, via institutional mail, U save em envelope. Furthermore, vou failed to complete Section B. of your appeal.

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Appeals Coordinator Calipatria State Prison

NOTE: Failure to follow instruction(s) will be viewed as non-cooperation and your appeal will be automatically dismissed pursuant to CCR 3084.4(d). This screening decision may not be appealed. If you believe this screen out is in error, please return this form to the Appeals Coordinator with an explanation of why you believe it to be in error, and supporting documents. You have only 15 days to comply with the above directives.

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I/M Stephen Escondon Medina CDC E-63667 / CSP CAL C-5-115-up

November 12, 2007

A, Describe Problem:

On July 18, 2007, Prisoner, STEPHEN ESCONDON MEDINA, CDC E-63667, C-5-115-up, Calipatria State Prison, was injured seriously enough (while being transported in a CDCR Van), to be taken to the E.R. of a medical facility, treated and released.

See Exhibit "A" Alvarado Hospital Medical Center

Addressed to: Stephen Medina

Dated: July 18, 2007 / Time: 3:53 P.M.

Treating Physician: Arnold Kremer Do

The State employees driving the state motor vehicle (a large van) are CDCR Transporting Officers: R. HUESO and CASTONE.

See Exhibit "B" Body Receipt

Date: 07.18.07 and "stamped" July 20, 2007

B. Action Requested:

"Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies" of said CDC 602, for Injunctive Relief, due to the fact that money damages (\$5,000.00) and money is not available through the CDC 602 process. See Booth V. churner, (2001) 149 L.Ed. 2d. 958.

Requesting CDC 602 be given a "Log Number" before Informal and or Formal Review due to CDC 602 and Exhibits getting "LOST" and or "NOT ANSWERED" by the addressed Staff members at the Informal Review Level.

This CDC 602 serves as "NOTICE" of what the Tort Claim is and damages/grounds upon which it rests.

Claim: Prisoner/Plaintiff: MEDINA, makes a claim under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983, against said named parties for Deliberate Indifference in protecting prisoner from being injured while in a State moving vehicle during a medical transportion trip to and from an outside medical facility.

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AFTER CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Patient: stephen medina

July 18, 2007 3:53 PM

PLEASE NOTE that the examination and treatment you received here have been rendered on an emergency basis. It is not intended to be a substitute for complete medical care. It is important that you be rechecked as recommended. Promptly report any new or remaining problems, since it is impossible to recognize and treat all elements of an injury or illness in a single visit.

DIAGNOSIS INSTRUCTIONS

PUNCTURE WOUND OF THE SKIN

DIAGNOSIS: You have a puncture wound of the skin. A puncture wound has a high incidence of infection because it frequently has bacteria, clothing or other material embedded deep in the wound. It is very important to observe for symptoms of infection which include redness, red streaks up an extremity, pain, swelling and/or drainage of pus. Follow up with a physician is important.

INSTRUCTIONS: If an extremity is injured, elevate to prevent swelling. Soak area in warm water 4 times a day for 10-15 minutes. Change the dressing after each soak and watch for infection. Do not prevent drainage by using an ointment or other type of occlusive dressing. (Gauze or other type of airy dressing is best.)

Cleanse with peroxide if crusting or scabbing occurs.

CONTACT THE DOCTOR IF: you develop symptoms of infection as mentioned above.

CALL THE FOLLOWING NUMBER(S) TO ARRANGE FOLLOWUP CARE IN 1-2days DAY(S). Donovan Dr. for recheck

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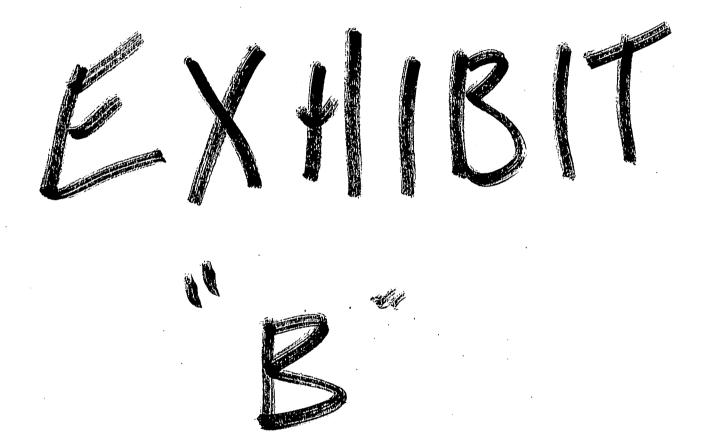
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State of California - Department of Corrections BODY RECEIPT

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State of California CDC FORM 695 Screening For:

CDC 602 Inmate/Parolee Appeals

CDC 1824 Reasonable Modification or Accommodation Request

RE: Screening at the FIRST Level

November 30, 2007

MEDINA, **E63667** FC0500000000115U

Log Number: CAL-C-

(Note: Log numbers are not assigned to screen out appeals, or informal level appeals)

The enclosed documents are being returned to you for the following reasons:

There has been too great a TIME LAPSE between when the action or decision occurred and when you filed your appeal with no explanation of why you did not or could not file in a timely fashion. Time limits expired per CCR 3084.6(c). Therefore, if you would like to pursue this matter further, you must submit an explanation and supporting documentation explaining why you did not or could not file your appeal timely.

Appeals Coordinator Calipatria State Prison

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NOTE: Failure to follow instruction(s) will be viewed as non-cooperation and your appeal will be automatically dismissed pursuant to CCR 3084.4(d). This screening decision may not be appealed. If you believe this screen out is in error, please return this form to the Appeals Coordinator with an explanation of why you believe it to be in error, and supporting documents. You have only 15 days to comply with the above directives.

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EXHIBIT "F"

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, GOVERNOR

INMATE APPEALS BRANCH

1515 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 P.O. Box 942883 Sacramento, CA 94283-0001



February 5, 2008

MEDINA, STEPHEN, E63667 Calipatria State Prison P.O. Box 5002 Calipatria, CA 92233

RE: IAB# 0717720

STAFF COMPLAINTS

Mr. MEDINA:

The Inmate Appeals Branch, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) acts for the Director, Division of Adult Institutions, at the third level of appeal. The Branch examines and responds to inmate and parolee appeals that are submitted on a CDC Form 602, Inmate/Parolee Appeal Form, after the institution or parole region has responded at the Second Level of Appeal.

Institution and parole staff are available to assist you in obtaining additional copies of forms and documents required to submit an appeal. The inmate library offers resources and assistance to obtain general information regarding regulations, procedures, policies, and government agency addresses. Additionally, your assigned Counselor or Parole Agent, or the Appeals Coordinator can answer any questions you may have regarding the appeals process. The Inmate Appeals Branch appreciates your responsible use of the appeal system to address your grievance.

The Inmate Appeals Branch has received an appeal from you and has determined that it does not comply with the appeal procedures established in California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 15, Article 8, and is being screened-out and returned to you pursuant to CCR 3084.3 for the following reason(s):

Your appeal was rejected, withdrawn or cancelled. If you disagree with that decision, contact the Appeals Coordinator. You must comply with instructions from that office.

N. GRANNIS, Chief Inmate Appeals Branch

VERIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

COUNTY OF IMPERIAL
I, Stephen E. Medina (C.C.P. SEC. 446 & 2015.5: 28 U.S.C. 1746) IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED ACTION. I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENTS AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THERE AND THE SAME IS TRUE OF MY OWN KNOWLEDGE EXCEPT AS TO MATTERS STATED THEREIN UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF, AND AS TO THOSE MATTERS, I BELIEVE THEM TO BE TRUE.
EXECUTED THIS Z5 DAY OF August 2008 AT CALIPATRIA STATE PRISON, CALIPATRIA CALIFORNIA 92233-5002
(SIGNATURE) <u>Stephen Meilera</u> DECLARANT/PRISONER
PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL I, Stephen E. Medina (C.C.P. SEC. 1013 (a) & 2015.5 28 U.S.C. 1746) IMPERIAL, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, I AM OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE AND AM / AM NOT A PARTY OF THE ABOVE ENTITLED ACTION. MY STATE PRISON ADDRESS IS P.O. BOX 5002, CALIPATRIA STATE PRISO CALIPATRIA, CALIFORNIA 92233-5002. ON August 25 2008 IS SERVED THE FOREGOING:
Declaration of Plaintiff Stephen Escondon Medina In Support of Plaintiff's Motion To Oppose Dismissal Of The Complaint SET FORTH EXACT TITLE OF DOCUMENTS SERVED
ON THE PARTY(S) HEREIN BY PLACING A TRUE COPY(S) THEREOF, ENCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE(S) WITH POSTAGE THEREON FULLY PAID, IN THE UNITED STATES MAIL, IN A DEPOSIT BOX SO PROVIDED AT CALIPATRIA STATE PRISON, CALIPATRIA, CALIFORNIA 92233-5002.
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(Attorney for Defendant R. Hueso)
THERE IS DELIVERY SERVICE BY UNITED STATES MAIL AT THE PLACE SO ADDRESSED, AND THERE IS REGULAR COMMUNICATION BY MAIL BETWEEN THE PLACE OF MAILING AND THE PLACE SO ADDRESSED. I DECLARE

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.